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SUBJECT: Recommendation Letter for Bob Odell, Nature Bound Construction

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter on behalf of Bob Odell of Nature Bound Construction. During my five years of employment as a Park Planner and Project manager with Sonoma County Regional Parks I had the pleasure of working with Mr. Odell in his role as the project foreman for Yakima Construction Inc., on several trail projects.

It was my experience that as a project foreman Mr. Odell ran his crews in an efficient, detail-oriented manner and the finished product produced by the crews he oversaw was always high quality. In addition, all the projects I worked on with Mr. Odell were completed on time and on budget.

An example of the types of trail work Mr. Odell oversaw and directed the construction of during my time with Sonoma County includes the construction of the Lawson Trail at Hood Mountain Regional Park. This project consisted of 2 miles of trail in steep, upland conditions with steep cross slopes and challenging subsoils. The project also included the installation of a 30'x6' prefabricated, fiberglass bridge, armored ford crossings, rolling dips, rock walls and climbing turns.

On this project, Mr. Odell directly performed and or directed crews engaged in all aspects of this project. This included clearing, grubbing, trail excavation, the installation of various trail features, trail finish work and the forming, rebar installation, back drain installation, concrete pour and finish work associated with the bridge abutments and the final installation and assembly of the bridge.

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Mr. Odell was also instrumental in coordinating the inspections with the geological and structural engineers as well as Fish and Game and local building inspectors on the project. The project was completed on time and on budget despite having to work around the restrictions presented by numerous red flag events and local evacuation orders due to nearby wildfires.

The quality of the finished product on the Lawson Trail at Hood Mountain, which was completed in March of 2020 makes it one of the most beloved trails in the entire park system.

Having accepted a new position with East Bay Regional Park District I will make it a point to reach out to Mr. Odell so that he is aware of projects being bid by my current employer.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, please feel free to reach out to me directly via the email and or telephone number listed above.

Sincerely,

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